

# The Swedish Research School of Management and Information Technology

All former Ph.D. candidates from the Research School of Management and Information Technology (MIT) that have ended their participation at the research school with a licentiate or doctoral degree receive this bi-annual letter. The Alumni Letter offers information about MIT activities, alumni members, and other information related to the research school. Peter Ekman\*, MIT Deputy Dean and Alumni Letter Editor, appreciates alumni information that can be of interest to its readership ■

Alumni Letter



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## Christmas Greetings

Grace Kobusinge is one of our latest alumni. She defended her thesis “Health Information Systems Interoperability: Towards a Managing as Designing Approach” at the University of Gothenburg October 29, 2021.

## Congratulations Grace – can you give me the elevator pitch of your thesis work?

My thesis tackles the enduring topic of health-information-systems interoperability. Health information systems are interoperable if they are capable of working together to advance the effective delivery of patient healthcare. To advance IS interoperability implementation previous researchers recommend a consideration of context and management capabilities during the design process. My thesis proposes a MaD approach to IS interoperability implementation, that seeks to motivate managers to collaborate with designers to analyse the context of interaction and delineate context-appropriate interoperability solutions. In this way, a more contextual view of interoperability is obtained since this is a prerequisite for beginning to address interoperability challenges.

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Grace Kobusinge, Health Informatics specialist, Makerere University (defended her PhD at the University of Gothenburg)

## Have there been any benefits belonging to a research school in the intersection of management and IT?

Yes, belonging to the MIT research school offered me a number of benefits. First and foremost, the MIT research school provided an opportunity and a great atmosphere to me

as a PhD student to attend several MIT conferences and complete several cross-cutting PhD courses. The courses equipped us with knowledge from both the management and the IT spheres. It was a pleasure to tap from the experienced and committed MIT broad community.



## What will you do next?

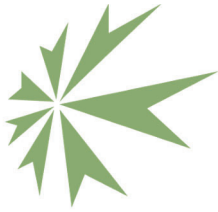
Before attaining a PhD, I used to distance myself from research activities. Many of us regard a PhD as a license to research, I now believe this PhD achievement has opened my research career. I hope to engage in more research activities as I continue with both teaching and community outreach activities at Makerere University.

## Finally, do you have any anecdote from the research school?

I must say that the exercise of ‘reviewing articles’ was a new experience to me. The several MIT conferences I attended offered me an excellent opportunity to understand the research community in regard to ‘reviewing articles’. As a PhD student who was yet to publish papers, the MIT conferences and reviewing experience were very timely and much appreciated. It was very interesting to learn how to receive and give constructive feedback. Many thanks to the vibrant and committed MIT community.

## Many thanks for your time and good luck with your future plans!

Thank you, Peter, for this opportunity, and for your continued support at the MIT School. Please extend my regards to the entire MIT community ■



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## A new (Alumni) Board Member

Miranda Kajtazi defended MIT PhD thesis #56 at the Linnaeus University in 2013 and she did recently become the MIT representant for the Department of Informatics at Lund University.

**Hi Miranda – nice that an alumni continues to engage in the research school! What are your thoughts about this new assignment?**

It is my pleasure to get back to MIT with an assignment that only brings back countless great memories. It is a forum where academic leadership has the capacity to revolutionize the way we think, and where with engaged scholarship we can make an impact in the real world.

**Do you have any good memories from your time as a PhD student at the research school?**

The diversity at the school across all academics, including the PhD students, enriched my experiences and contributed in forming a mindset that engages with critical thinking and patience, but most importantly led to my personal development as an independent scholar that dares to think differently.

**What have you done since you defended your thesis?**

The journey post PhD studies has been an exciting one that opened new challenges and opportunities. Not only have I had the chance



▲ Miranda Kajtazi, Lund University

to work in many research projects financed by various funding agencies, I am currently working on two projects funded by Crafoord Foundation and Vinnova, as well as on a call for Pufendorf Institute. I have also engaged a lot with educational activities. From understanding how and why curriculum development should take new shape, particularly in information systems where technology changes constantly, to developing courses for a close interaction with students, these activities represent my foundation in giving back knowledge.

In the last five years, I have also engaged in representing my department at the school, where we examine crucial matters that have the power to change the world and make it a better place, such as equality and human rights.

**Nice to know you and I hope you enjoy your continued work in the research school!**

I am thrilled to get back to MIT with such an important task. Happy holidays everyone. ■

## Prior and forthcoming conferences

MITAC2021 took once again place online and it was hosted by Uppsala University. A common activity was the book release for “Management and Information Technology after digital transformation” (Routledge, 2022), a book dedicated to and given to MITs former chair Lars Engwall. Tim Kastrup, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University was awarded the best reviewer award. Keynote speaker was Professor Eero Vaara who addressed the mediatized society as well as multinational corporations and nationalism. The next conference, MITSC22, is planned to take place at Umeå University 22-24 March, 2022. ■



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